

Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest Rules & Regulations

How to Enter

Completed portfolios must be postmarked by March 31 of each year. Portfolios must include:

- A completed entry form.
- Artwork of Alabama's State Freshwater Fish, the largemouth bass, or Saltwater Fish, the tarpon.
- 1-page composition about the fish, its habitat, or efforts to conserve it.
- Entry forms must be completed, signed, and glued to the back of the original artwork.

Completed entries should be mailed to:

Wildlife Forever, State-Fish Art Contest, 10365 West 70th Street, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Rules & Regulations

- The State-Fish Art Contest is open to children in grades four through twelve attending public, private, or home-schools in the United States. Only one entry per child will be accepted.
- Portfolios will be judged on the quality of the artwork.
- The artwork must call attention to the official fish of his or her home state. In Alabama, the contestant may design either a largemouth bass or a tarpon. The fish must be depicted in its natural underwater habitat. Information about each state fish is available on the Internet at <http://www.statefishart.com> or on America Online (Keyword:fishart).
- All artwork must be the contestant's original, hand-done creation. **Photographs and computer-generated artwork will not be accepted.**
- All artwork must be 8-1/2" x 11" or 9" x 12" and horizontal, without a mat, frame, cover sheet, or border. Art techniques may include scratch-board, pointillism, chalk, charcoal, dry brush, watercolor, crosshatch, lead, collage, linoleum printing, or crayon. (Please note: if contestants use chalk, charcoal, or lead they should seal it with an adhesive).
- All artwork must not exceed 1/4 inch in total thickness.
- No lettering, signatures, or initials may appear on the front of the artwork. Any artwork with such identifying characteristics will be disqualified and eliminated from the competition.
- Completed portfolios **must** include a typed composition or theme paper not to exceed one page in length. Compositions should be related specifically to the characteristics of the state fish, its habitat, behavior, or efforts to conserve it. The composition must include the student's name and address.

Prizes

- All contestants will receive a certificate of participation.
- Final judging will take place on **Earth Day** of each year. Winners will be announced the following week.
- Three winners from each state will be selected, one winner per grade group (4-6th, 7-9th, 10-12th) for a total of 150 winners – 50 states x 3 winners = 150.
- All winning designs will be displayed at the Mall of America in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Expo in June.
- All winning designs will be presented online at <http://www.statefishart.com> and on America Online (Keyword: fishart) for one year (see <http://www.statefishart.com/states/southcentral/al.htm#targetal>.)

The Fine Print

- The State-Fish Art contest is not open to the immediate relatives of Wildlife Forever employees or participating sponsors.
- It is the contestant's responsibility to inform Wildlife Forever of any change of address.
- Wildlife Forever is entirely responsible for the Art Contest. The Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries is helping promote awareness and understand of aquatic ecology and our state fish.

Wildlife Forever:

- Has the right to use the name of any State-Fish Art contestant without compensation.
- Retains ownership of all artwork entered in the contest. In order to promote the Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art contest, products such as posters, prints, T-shirts, etc. may be produced from winning artwork. Any monies realized from the sale or licensing of the artwork will be used to support the contest, wildlife conservation, and education initiatives. The winning artists must provide an autograph without charge to Wildlife Forever.
- Retains all winning entries until June 1 of the following year and will return the winning entries to the students in June upon request.
- Will return all non-winning entries upon request after August 31 if the student provides a self-addressed 10x13-inch envelope.
- Reserves the right to destroy unclaimed entries one year after the contest.
- Will not insure entries it receives or be responsible for loss or damage of the entries.

Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest Entry Form

Important for teachers: If part of the State-Fish Art Contest is part of a classroom project, please fill out the teacher's name and school information before duplicating and distributing to students. This entry form is to be glued to the back of the artwork and no initials or names are to be written on the front of the artwork.

Entry Deadline: Postmarked by March 31.

Mail entries to: Wildlife Forever, State-Fish Art Contest, 10365 West 70th Street, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

Grade	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Check One	Group I			Group II			Group III		

Please print or type

Contestant

Last Name

First Name

Birth Date

Home Address

Street or P. O. Box

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone

Home (with area code)

Parent's Daytime (with area code)

Art Entry Title

Composition Title

Fish Species

Medium Used

Contestant's Teacher

School Address

School Name (full name)

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

I hereby certify that this is my original work and is not a copy of published photographs, magazines, book illustrations, or other materials protected by copyright laws. I understand that Wildlife Forever and other sponsors are not responsible for loss or damage to my artwork and/or composition. I grant exclusive right to Wildlife Forever and its designees to utilize my artwork and/or composition for reproduction and promotional purposes, and to display my art. I agree that my artwork and/or composition may be used, altered, or published as they see fit without compensation to me, and I also grant Wildlife Forever the right to release my name and hometown in promoting the winners of the contest.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Entry questions should be directed to StFishArt@aol.com or by calling 1-877-FISHART. Artwork must be 8- 1/2 X 11" HORIZONTAL or 9" X 12" HORIZONTAL; no more than 1/4" thick; do not mat or frame; do not have lettering or borders on the front; seal chalk, charcoal, or lead with an adhesive.